

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1st Floor

Committee Members Present:

John Anshus (Absent)

Cindy Gilberts (Absent)

Joe Jax (Chair) (3.0 hrs.)

Bob Giede (Absent)

Dennis Kropp (1.0 hr.) Zoom

Mike Schendel (1.0 hr.)

Mike Smith (1.0 hr.)

Eric Sutherland (Absent)

Others present: Randy Eide, Dick Henning, Megen Hines, Tammy Eckert

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Jax. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room and volunteer hours were noted. Those appearing via Zoom were recorded along with their volunteer hours. March minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed. A change in the minutes was noted; Arbor Day and the Nancy Schofield dedication had been changed to Friday, May 6th at 1 p.m. from April 29th at 10 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict. It will still be held at the same location in Wilson Park. Dennis Kropp made a motion to accept the change in minutes and Mike Schendel seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Tree selection and Bench Dedication in Nancy's Honor: A 2" Hackberry tree was chosen to be planted for Nancy. The tree comes from Bobolink's Nursery. The bench will be set, the rock will be placed with her dedication plaque on it and the Hackberry tree chosen will be planted and ready before the celebration starts on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 1 pm at Wilson Park.

Arbor Day Celebration Plans and Date: Note that the date has been changed in the celebration of Arbor Day and the Tree & Bench Dedication. It will be celebrated on Friday, May 6th at 1pm. A brochure has been created for the memorial event and will be handed out to attendees. A reception with light refreshments will follow the celebration.

LCIP Project by Galloway Creek: Megan Hines reports that due to lack of funding the LCIP project will transition to a board driven organization. The LCIP will continue to keep its 501C status in the event funding becomes available to continue on this project in the future, however, next week Paul Verdon and his middle school class will help pull some buckthorn. At this time, 1.5 of the 2.2 acres have been completed for this project.

Urban Forestry Board Member Opening: Again, there is still an open seat on the board and those that wish to recommend someone for the position on the Urban Forestry Board committee are asked to submit that person's name to Mayor, Randy Knaack.

Urban Forester Report: *City Tree Canopy Inventory* – 90 trees will be delivered the 2nd week of May. Dick Henning states the gravel bed will need to be expanded to accommodate all of these trees.

Stump Removal – The city of Menomonie will take care of the smaller stumps in and around Menomonie. We are contracted with Shackleton Tree Service to take care of the larger stumps. The majority of the stumps are Ash.

City Council Report: New council members attended their first council meeting. A grant was approved to resurface Stokke Trail along the Red Cedar River. Two cross walks were approved to be repaired from the road buckling. A 5' wide band of colored concrete will be installed near the Mabel Tainter and the other at the Waterfront. The Stout Rd project starts in July and will continue thru September of 2022.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 2 pm Council Chambers – 1st Floor.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mike Schendel to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Smith.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Eckert